

3 U.S. women in top 10 in World Cup event

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GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany – Laurene Ross (Bend, Ore.) became the sixth U.S. Ski Team women's speed athlete to finish in the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup top three this season with a stunning second in the Garmisch downhill on Saturday.



Julia Mancuso

With her career first podium, Ross also became the fourth U.S. woman to land her first World Cup podium this season, joining teammates Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain), Leanne Smith (N. Conway, N.H.) and Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, Colo.).

Slovenia's Tina Maze won the race to eclipse Austrian Hermann Maier's single season World Cup point record and become the third woman in World Cup history to win in all five disciplines in the same season.

Julia Mancuso (Squaw Valley) was sixth in the race and Cook ninth for three U.S. women in the top 10.

Despite missing the last two downhill races, Lindsey Vonn (Vail) continues to lead the downhill standings. Maze is second. Cook fourth, Mancuso ninth, McKennis 10th, Smith 12th and Ross 16th.

McKennis crashed late in her run and was helicoptered off the

slope as part of standard FIS procedure. Evaluation revealed a fractured right tibial plateau.